

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appn. No: 10/616,267
Applicant: Jason R. Sullivan et al.
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Title: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH NESTED STABILIZER AND METHOD OF
LOADING AND USING SAME
TC/A.U.: 3731
Examiner: Ryan J. Stevenson

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References WO98/14233 and JP 05-038367 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of each reference submitted herewith.

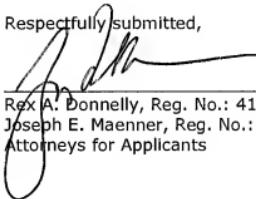
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(2) References

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